

Appl. No. 09/912,730  
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Remarks/Arguments

Dependent Claim 5, stated to be allowable if written in independent form, has been combined with independent Claim 1. Accordingly, Claim 1 and claims 2-3 and 6-11 dependent thereon are believed to be allowable.

Newly submitted claims 21-34 are similarly believed to be allowable. The cited article from the Houston Chronicle briefly states that an ATM can include a button to enable a user to donate to a few local charities. The present invention, as now specifically claimed, goes significantly further than this basic concept.

Specifically, independent claim defines a method for transferring an asset of a donor from the donor's account with an asset holder holding said asset to a qualified charitable organization for subsequent transfer to at least one qualified 501(c)(3) charity. Moreover, claim 21 required reporting of the donation by the charitable organization to the Internal Revenue Service. Independent claim 29, in addition to the foregoing limitations, also requires that the asset holder provide an Internet website for use by the donor in selecting the charity. Neither of these limitations would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of applicant's invention.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments to the claims and for the foregoing reasons, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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